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MEMORANDUM TO: Historical Officer, DDI

SUBJECT: OBI Histories: Suggested Topics and Authors

1. The following topics are suggested for treatment in the OBI history program. They are listed in the order of our preference, on the assumption that no more than one study will be undertaken at a time.

a. Relationships of NIS Program with USIB and non-USIB Agencies.

(1) The role of the IAC (later USIB) Agencies as major cosponsors and principal consumers of the NIS Program. Their departmental contributions in intelligence production, evaluation, and other services; their performance over the past and trends in NIS participation. Principal NIS problems among the major agencies and lessons learned therefrom.

(2) The role of the non-IAC (non-USIB) members of the Intelligence Community re the NIS Program. Generation and development of departmental capabilities to meet NIS requirements. Coordination with other intelligence elements by CIA or thru other IAC/USIB members; resulting effectiveness of product; its use for non-IAC/USIB departmental purposes. Appraisal of past problems and indications for the future.

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b. Evolution of the CIA Map Library: Organization and Operations.

A 40-page report on the current status of the Map Library, recently completed by Mr. [REDACTED] might form the basis for this study. Sections would be added covering the beginnings during World War II and significant developments up to the present.

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c. The Significance of Geodesy and Gravimetry in Intelligence Research.

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Monitoring the development of these sciences in foreign countries; Soviet knowledge of geodetic positions in US; US progress in determining positions in USSR and Communist China.

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2. At the 4 October meeting of the DDI Historical Board we were also asked to suggest provisions for reviewing the manuscripts when they are completed. We believe that they should be reviewed by officers currently responsible for the particular unit or program, and by former officers or analysts most closely connected with the activity at its inception and during its development.

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